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SESSION

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1. AT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION THIS YEAR THE SOVIETS
WERE RELATIVELY LOW-KEY AND COOPERATIVE. THEY LET US
KNOW THAT THIS WAS THEIR INTENT. THEIR ATTITUDE WAS
MOST EVIDENT DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD, WHEN THEY DID
NOT PROBE DEEPLY NOR FOLLOW UP REPLIES WITH MORE SEARCHING
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QUESTIONS, AS THEY COULD WELL HAVE DONE. THEY SIMPLY

ACCEPTED THE REPLY THAT WAS GIVEN AND WENT ON TO THE NEXT POINT.

2. THE SOVIET STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE REITERATED CRITICISMS OF PREVIOUS YEARS, THOUGHT IN GENERALLY LESS

CONTENTIOUS AND LENGTHY TERMS. NEVERTHELESS IT WAS SOMEWHAT SHARPER IN TONE THAN THEIR QUESTIONING. WHEN AMBASSADOR WHITE MENTIONED TO THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KOVALENKO THAT THEIR STATEMENT SEEMED NOT QUITE IN LINE WITH THEIR PROGRESSED COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE, HE REPLIED THAT THE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION INTO ENGLISH HAD BEEN A POOR ONE, AND WAS HARSHER THAN THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN (EXAMINATION OF THE RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF THE SPEECH SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A FEW NUANCES THAT WERE SHARPER IN ENGLISH, BUT BASICALLY THE SPEECH WAS AS CONVEYED BY THE INTERPRETER).

3. IN A HALF-HOUR'S CONVERSATION OVER COFFEE WITH AMBASSADOR WHITE, MRS. KLAUDIYA G. VASHCHENKO, MEMBER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION WHO HAD COME FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, RAISED THE FOLLOWING POINTS, WHICH SEEM A GOOD SUMMARY OF THE PRIMARY SOVIET CONCERN:

A. THE TRUSTEESHIP FOR MICRONESIA IS A STRATEGIC ONE -- A FACT SEEMINGLY OFTEN FORGOTTEN IN THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL-- AND ITS TERMINATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

B. WHY HAS IT TAKEN NEARLY 30 YEARS TO ACHIEVE SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE TERRITORY? THIS IS AN INORDINATELY LONG TIME.

C. SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARIANAS ARE CONTRARY TO THE CHARTER AND TRUST AGREEMENT.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA HAS BEEN BADLY NEGLECTED. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT PREPARED MICRONESIA TO BE SELF-RELIANT.

3. INDEPENDENCE IS REALLY THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR ANY TRUST TERRITORY. WHEN AMBASSADOR WHITE POINTED OUT THAT THE MICRONESIANS WERE NEGOTIATING ON COMMONWEALTH AND FREE ASSOCIATION BECAUSE THEY PREFERRED THESE SOLUTIONS, MRS. VASHCHENKO REJOINED THAT IN THE SOVIET VIEW, THEY OUGHT TO HAVE INDEPENDENCE FIRST AND COULD

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WORK OUT SOMETHING ELSE LATER, IF THEY WISHED TO DO SO.

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